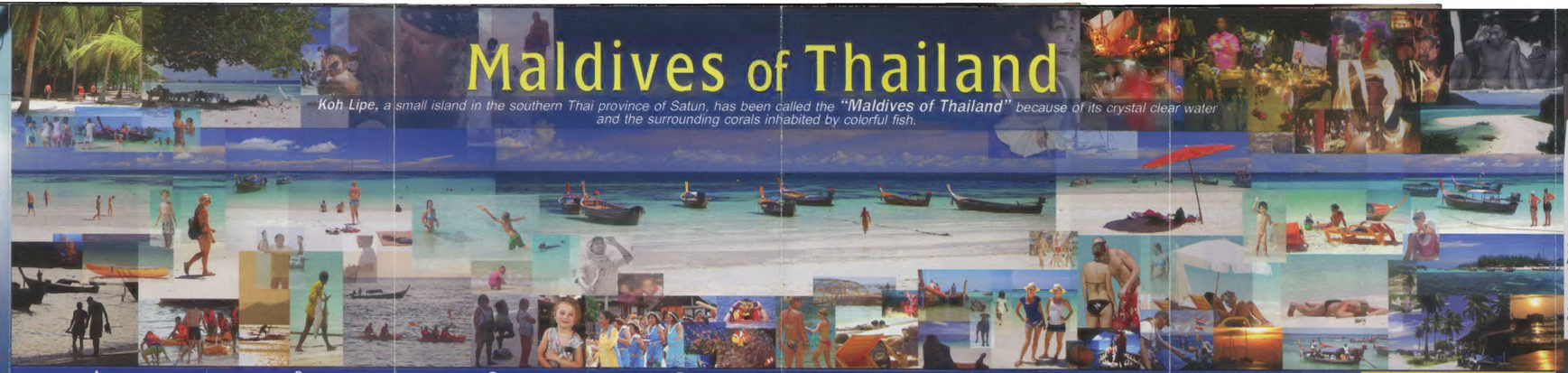
Maldives of Thailand

*Koh Lipe, a small island in the southern Thai province of Satun, has been called the **"Maldives of Thailand"** because of its crystal clear water and the surrounding corals inhabited by colorful fish.*



There is no pier on Ko Lipe. Urak Lawoi (Sea Gypsies) will pick you up from the transfer platform. They will take you to any beach on theisland in a long-tail boat. The fee is **50 baht** which is NOT included inyour boat ticket. State clearly what beach or resort you want to go to before getting on a boat, so people going the same area can go in the same boat.

LIPE MAP

FACILITIES

Resort

	Beach	Restaurant	Bar	Pool	Internet	Hot Shower	Air-Condition	Fan
E1 Andaman	✓				✓			✓
E3 Baan Kasirin					✓		✓	✓
E4 Bamboo Bungalow								✓
E5 Baracuda	✓							✓
A5 Bila	✓	✓						✓
F5 Blue Tribes	✓	✓						✓
E3 Bonus								✓
F5 Bundhaya	✓		✓			✓		✓
G4 Castaway	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
G4 Coco	✓	✓						✓
B5 Daya	✓	✓						✓
F3 Forra	✓	✓						✓
D4 GreenVille								✓
F3 Gypsie	✓							✓
G5 Idylic Concept	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓
D3 Jack's Jungle	✓	✓	✓					✓
F1 Lipe Beach	✓	✓						✓
C4 Lipe Resort	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
D1 Mountain	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓
F5 Oasis	✓				✓	✓		✓
B5 Pattaya 2	✓							✓
C5 Pink	✓							✓
E3 Pooh	✓		✓		✓			✓
C3 Porn	✓							✓
B5 Sita Beach	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
F3 Srimayu	✓				✓	✓		✓
F2 Tarutao Cabana	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
E4 Thai Hut	✓							✓
F3 Varin Bamboo	✓							✓
D4 Varin	✓	✓			✓	✓		✓
G5 View Point	✓	✓						✓
G4 Zanom	✓	✓						✓

Resturant

	Thai	Inter	BBQ	Sea Food
E4 Aroy	✓	✓		✓
E4 Banana Tree	✓			✓
B5 Coconut Chicken	✓			✓
D4 Family	✓		✓	✓
F3 Fino	✓	✓		✓
E4 Forra	✓			✓
E3 Hantalay	✓		✓	✓
F3 Hawaiian	✓			✓
E4 Kafair		✓		✓
E4 Khon Ley	✓			✓
E4 Leelawadee	✓			✓
E3 Mama's	✓		✓	✓
C4 Nong Bank	✓			✓
E4 PP Bakery		✓		
E4 Reskey	✓			✓
E4 Sara Sea	✓		✓	✓
F3 Sunrise	✓			✓
E3 Thai Pancake	✓	✓		
E3 Lung Wow Noodle	✓			
F3 Ya Rotee	✓			

Bar

	Beach	FireShow
B5 Beach Side	✓	
D4 Hala	✓	
E5 Handi Craft	✓	✓
D4 Monkey	✓	✓
C4 Moonlight	✓	
C5 Peace&Love	✓	✓
E5 Reggae	✓	✓
E5 Time to Chill	✓	✓

Diving

	Course	Equipment	Snorkel Tour
G4 Castaway Dive	✓	✓	✓
E5 Forra Dive	✓	✓	✓
E3 Lotus Dive	✓	✓	✓
F5 Ocean Pro	✓	✓	✓
C3 Sabye Sport	✓	✓	✓
F2 Satun Dive& Tour	✓	✓	✓

Lipe Guide

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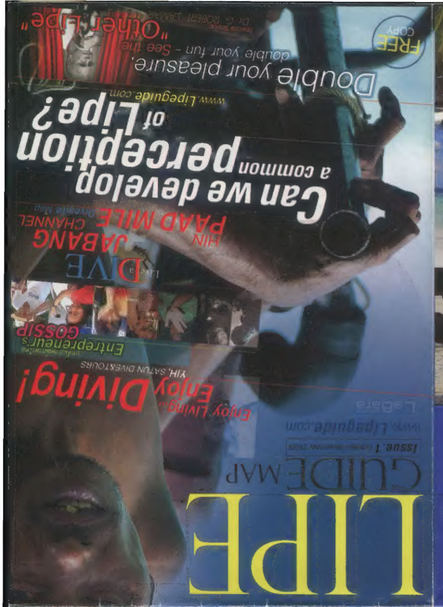

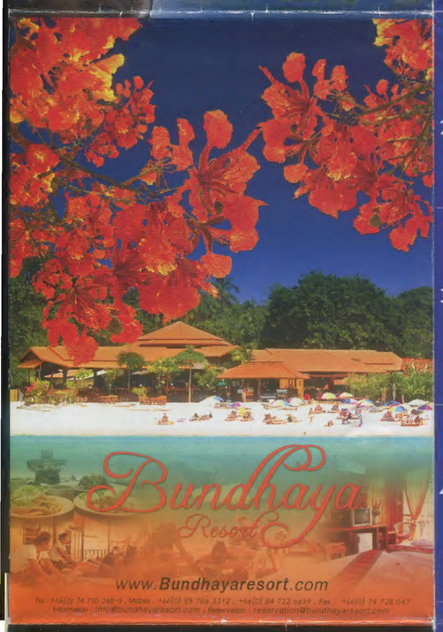

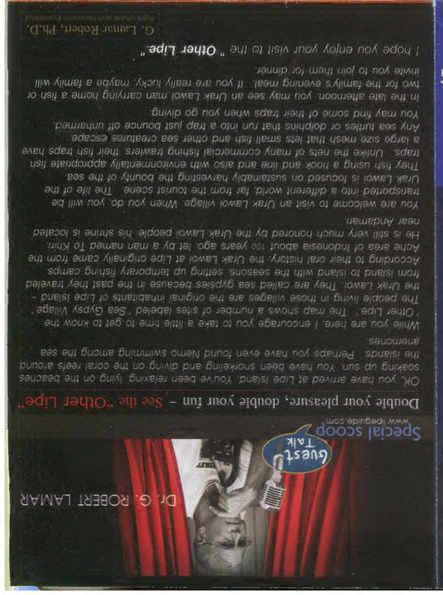

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Guest Talk

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I hope you enjoy your visit to the "Other Lipe"

While you are here, I encourage you to take a little time to get to know the people living in those villages are the original inhabitants of Lipe Island – The Urak Lawoi. They are called sea gypsies because in the past they traveled from island to island with the seasons setting up temporary fishing camps. According to their oral history, the Urak Lawoi at Lipe originally came from the Aceh area of Indonesia about 100 years ago, let by a man named To Kim. He is still very much honored by the Urak Lawoi people. His shrine is located near Andaman.

You are welcome to visit an Urak Lawoi village. When you do, you will be transported into a different world far from the tourist scene. The life of the Urak Lawoi is focused on sustainably harvesting the bounty of the sea. They fish using a hook and line and also with environmentally appropriate fish traps. Unlike the nets of many commercial fishing trawlers, their fish traps have a large size mesh that lets small fish and other sea creatures escape. Any sea turtles or dolphins that run into a trap just bounce off unharmed. You may find some of their traps when you go diving.

In the late afternoon, you may see an Urak Lawoi man carrying home a fish or two to the family's evening meal. If you are really lucky, maybe a family will invite you to join them for dinner.

"Other Lipe"

Live a DIVE

Koh Lipe is a great place to learn to dive. We focus on small groups and tailor our teaching to each individuals needs.

Surrounded by uninhabited islands and very few dive schools, you can learn to dive without pressure. Koh Lipe is the center of traveling for those who wants to visit Mu Koh Adang-Rawi, and many other islands surrounded. Travelers might stay at Koh Lipe and charter a boat to dive or sightsee around the nearby island very well within one or two days.

General information Dive

Jabang

Jabang is a large sub-merged pinnacle with the depth about 14-18 m to the sand and its top 3 m. under the surface. It is located near Koh Adang and Koh Rawi.

There are usually three mooring lines and regularly occupied by snorkeling boats due to its abundance and dense of colorful soft coral, many species of anemones as well as gorgonians, huge orange sea fans and big barrel sponges.

Current Moderate to strong current during the full moon or new moon. Running from Northeast to Southwest.

Marine life The many cracks and crevices in this pinnacle are home to small critters such as the tiger-tail seahorse, Janss' pipefish, flatworms, nudibranchs, dancing shrimp, anemone shrimp, porcelain crebs.

Dive tip Jabang experiences high boat traffic because of its popularity among both scuba divers and snorkelers, so check the surface before ascending.

During the full moon or new moon, the shallow waters of Jabang can encounter strong currents.

Hin Paad Mile(8 Mile rock)

It is the most popular divesite in the Tarutao area located to the south of Koh Adang and Koh Rawi. This outcrop is totally submerged, with a wide rocky flat lane. The depth varies from 14-40 m. There are plenty of giant soft corals, orange cup corals and green branch corals. You can also see patches of soft coral and flat rocky aleb carpeted with anemone coral. Hard corals, mushroom sponges, and sea whips can also be found here.

Current Moderate to strong current during the full moon or new moon, Running from Northeast to Southwest

Marine life One of the best sites in Thailand to encounter devil rays, whale- and ledpard-sharks. Beyond the reefs, the pickhandle barracuda, trevally, snappers, fusilier and long fin batfish are frequently seen gathering around for people watching.

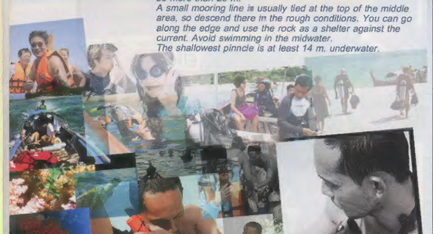
At the rocky outcrops, we can also see the scorpionfish and some kind of morays such as the white-eyed moray, giant moray and fimbriated moray.

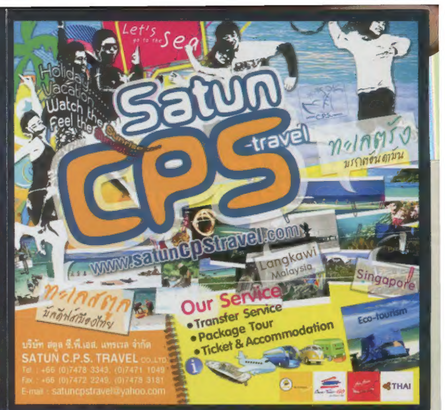
Moreover, we will be fascinated by the colorful nudibranchs, tiger-tail- and thorny-seahorses.

Dive tip Try to avoid the full moon and new moon period as the water will be strong and murky. On the fine days, the visibility can be more than 25 m!

A small mooring line is usually tied at the top of the middle area, so descend there in the rough conditions. You can go along the edge and use the rock as a shelter against the current. Avoid swimming in the midwater.

The shallowest pinncle is at least 14 m. underwater.

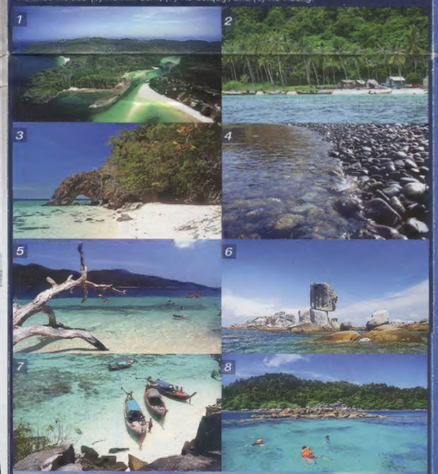


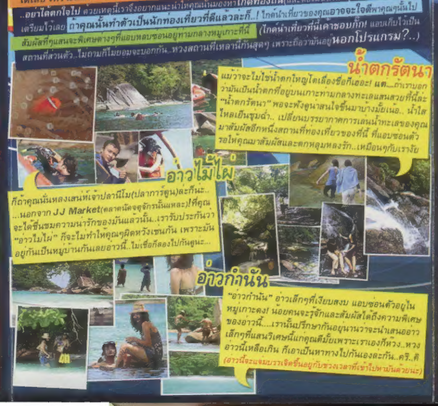


RECOMMENDED
ATTRACTIONS

Tarutao *is the first marine national park in Thailand. It is located in the Andaman Sea 40 kilometers from Satun town and 22 kilometers from the Pakbara pier.*

The park borders Mu Ko Phethra National Park to the north and the Thai-Malaysian sea border to the south. The park occupies a total area (including water) of 1,490 square kilometers and comprises 51 islands. The six largest islands are (1) Ko Tarutao, (2) Ko Adang, (3) Ko Khai, (4) Ko Hin Ngam, (5) Ko Rawi, and Ko Dong. Other interesting islands include (6) Ko Hin Sorn, (7) Ko Lorquiy, and (8) Ko Peung.





BOAT TIME TABLE
TRANSFER

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Rout.	DEPT TIME FERRY	DEPT TIME SPEED BOAT	ARRIVE TIME FERRY	ARRIVE TIME SPEED BOAT
Stop: Tarutao				
Pakbara–Lipe	10.30,12.00	10.30,11.30	12.30,14.30	11.30,12.30
	13.30	13.30,14.00	13.30	14.30,15.00
Lipe–Pakbara	09.00,10.00	09.00,10.00	11.00,12.00	10.00,11.00
	14.00	11.30,13.30	16.00	12.30,14.30
Stop: Bulone				
Pakbara–Lipe	12.30	12.30	14.30	13.30
Lipe–Pakbara		10.00		11.00
Had Yaw–Lipe	13.00	13.30	15.30	15.30
Lipe–Had Yaw	10.00	10.30	12.30	12.30
Stop: Ngai , Mook , Bulone				
Lanta–Lipe	10.00	13.00	15.30	16.00
Lipe–Lanta	10.00	09.00	15.30	12.00
Langkawi–Lipe	08.00	13.30	09.00	14.30
Lipe–Langkawi	16.00	10.30, 16.30	17.00	11.30,17.30
Tammalang–Tarutao		10.30,14.30		11.10, 15.10
Tarutao–Tammalang		08.00,12.00		08.40, 12.40
Tammalang–Lipe		10.30		12.10
Lipe–Tammalang		13.30		15.10
Langkawi–Tammalang	09.30,13.30,16.00		10.30,14.30,17.00	
Tammalang–Langkawi	08.30,12.00,16.00		09.30,13.00,17.00	

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